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*Madrid, Febr.* 24.

DOn *Ferdinando de Valenzuela*, who was once the first Minister, and hath been long a Prisoner, is at length condemned to a perpetual Banishment, and to that end will be Transported, with his Wife and Children, to the *Philippines* in the *East-Indies*, the place alotted him for his residence. It is said that the King will give him a Pension of 6000 Crowns a year for his subsistence, but that's not certain. Many are of opinion he would have received a severer Sentence, had not the Pope interposed in his behalf, for that he was taken by force out of the Convent of the Escurial.

*Vienna, Febr.* 27. The Duke of *Lorrain* will now in few dayes begin his journy towards the *Rhine*, to put himself at the head of the Imperial Army, which he will command with a much more absolute power than he did the last; for now, as we are told, it is left wholly to himself to act as he shall find best, which may prevent the losing of several good occasions, which otherwise cannot be laid hold on, by reason of the Generals instructions being limited. We are told that the Bassa of *Waradin*, who had given protection and countenance to the Rebels in *Hungary*, hath been imprisoned, by Order of the Grand Signior, and that it's probable he may lose his Head, having acted contrary to the Grand Signiors Orders, which are, that no favour shall be shewed to the said Rebels.

*Dantzick, March* 2. The King and Queen of *Poland* parted from hence the last week, it was thought they would have made some stay at *Marienburg*, but they have taken their way directly to *Lublin*, where his Majesty is to be present at a Convocation to be held there, as also to give Audience to an Envoy of the Czar of *Moscovy*, who waits the Kings arrival in that City, to have his Audience.

*Copenhagen, March* 8. On Sunday last in the afternoon arrived here the Sieur *Guldenlieu* from *Norway*, it is said that he shall command the Kings Armies this Campagn, which occasions a great satisfaction among the Soldiers, who have a very great esteem for his Excellency. In *Schonen* the *Suedes* continue to press very closely *Christianstadt*, which they propose to reduce very suddenly by Famine; but the last account we had from the Governor of the place, said, that the Garison was in a good condition, and wanted nothing. Several *Danish* Frigats are now Cruising between *Bornholme* and the Isle of *Rugen*, to cut off all Communication between *Sweden* and *Pomeren*, from whence we hear, that Count *Coningsmarke* was preparing for some Expedition. In *Norway* there has not of late hapned any Action between the Armies that are on that side. By a Vessel arrived from *Stockholme* we have advice, that the *Suedes* are fitting out their Fleet with all the diligence possible, and that they were likewise preparing a supply of men to be sent over to Count *Coningsmarke*.

*Rostocke, March* 9. Count *Coningsmarke* having with him a Body of 4 or 5000 Men, 14 pieces of Cannon, two Mortar-pieces, &c. is fallen into the Countrey of *Mecklenburg*; he hath possessed himself of *Ribnitz*, hath sent the Garison, which was put into the place by the Circle of the *Lower Saxony*, to *Straelsond*, and leaving Colonel *Groothuysen* posted there, decamped yesterday morning, and is at present encamped at a place called *Commin*, within two miles of this City; what his design is, we must leave to time to discover.

*Strasburgh, March* 7. We are at present very quiet in these Parts, the Troops as well of the one as the other side continuing still in their quarters. The *Imperialists* are providing Magazines in several places on the *Rhine*, and to that purpose are buying up what Hay and Corn they can meet with. We are assured that the Duke of *Lorrain* is by this time on his way from *Vienna* to the Army, with which he will hasten into the Field. The *French* Troops commanded by Monsieur *de Choiseul* are returned into their quarters, and the Mareschal *de Crequi* is at present at *Nancy*, where he is very much indisposed of the Gout. We hear that the Duke of *Orleans* is detained at *Verdun* by some indisposition. The matter in difference between the *Imperial* and *French* Ministers residing with the *Suisse Cantons*, is now accommodated, the *Imperialists* having received Letters from the Emperor, investing him with the Character of Ambassador, which put the thing in controversie about Precedency, out of all dispute. The said Cantons are to put Garisons into the four Forest Towns.

*Brussels, March* 11. On Wednesday last the City of *Ghent* was surrendred in the afternoon, the Articles we as yet know not, but it is said, that the King has promised the continuation of their Priviledges, and that the Soldiers should not be quartered upon the Burghers, who are to be all disarmed. Last night came hither the great Bailiff of the Countrey of *Waes*, and, as we are informed, gave his Excellency an account, that he had been with Monsieur *de Louvoy*, who had assured him in the name of the King, that they need not cut the Dikes in the Countrey of *Waes* to drown the Countrey, for that the King would not employ his Arms on that side, but turn them another way. It is said that the King has given the Government of *Ghent* to the Baron *de Quincy*. On Wednesday morning last the Marquis *d'Ossera* was sent by his Excellency to *Flanders* by the way of *Sluyce*, and from *Malines* (where the Prince of *Orange* still is) we have an account that his Highness had ordered Lieutenant General *Alva* to pass with six Battalions by water to *Sluyce*, and thence to march to *Bruges*, to defend that place in case it shall be attacked, of which we have had here some Alarm, occasioned by the moving of some of the Enemies Troops that way. Count *Salazar* is gone for *Antwerp*, to take care of his Government. We hear that the Cittadel of *Ghent* holds out still.

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